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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM**

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Quote of the Month



"The aim of urban forestry is to improve the welfare of urban residents; the planting and care of trees is a means to that end, not an end in itself."

~Dr. Mark Johnston

"Community Forestry: A Sociological Approach to Urban Forestry"
Arboricultural Journal 9, (1985) 121-126

Millwood Mayor Dan Mork,
assisted by Kaitlynn Davis, plants
the City's 2013 Arbor Day Tree

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Coordinator's Corner



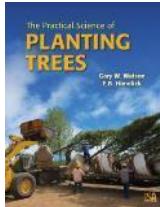
It's Arbor Month at DNR, and you know what that means. We're recognizing cities and towns, utility companies, and college campuses from all across the great State of Washington.

Our Community Forestry Grants were just awarded too.

Have a Happy Arbor Day and best of luck with all of your Spring plantings.

[Read more](#)

Timely Tree Tips -- Overcoming the Popular Voodoo of Tree Planting



The "simple act of planting a tree" is hardly so simple. In a perfect world, Foresters, Arborists, Nurserymen, Landscape Architects, Horticulturalists, Extension Agents, Landscape Contractors, Groundskeepers, Gardeners, and educated volunteers can all agree on "the right way" to plant a tree.

Be informed before you plant, and spread the word on how to plant trees properly.

[Get the scoop.](#)

A Tree to Try: Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

Add a little southern charm to your community by selecting the baldcypress. Underrated and under-planted in Washington State, the baldcypress is a fascinating choice to add diversity, character, and flair to your city's treescape.

The baldcypress... y'all plant one!



[Learn more about this tree.](#)

Tree City USA Communities: Arbor Day Tree Reimbursements Available

DNR is offering reimbursement for the planting of an Arbor Day tree (up to \$200). This offer is available to all Tree City USA communities.



[Read more.](#)

30 Years of Tree City USA in Washington; Congratulations to our Partners around the State

When the City of Ellensburg became a Tree City USA in 1983, little did they know that they were starting a trend that would spread across the entire state. Now, 30 years later, our tree of statewide partners has grown vigorously, and continues to do so.



[Read more.](#)

2014-15 Community Tree Management Institute; Applications Being Accepted NOW!



Are you a municipal employee with tree-related responsibilities? Whether you are a parks, planning, landscape, or public works employee, this professional-level training course is designed for you. Don't miss out on this fantastic training opportunity!

[Sign up today!](#)

From the Field: Arbor Day Foundation Honors University of Puget Sound



What happens when your local college or university hires a new Grounds Manager who also is a Certified Arborist, and understands the important connections between trees, people, and communities? Good things happen.

[Read more](#) to learn about the academic branch of your urban forest.

Puget SoundCorps Crew Beautifies the City of Puyallup, Rain and Shine



All month long, Puget SoundCorps members are caring for trees in Puyallup's urban forest in collaboration with DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

[Read more.](#)

Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

Urban Forest Management Planning

The State of California has developed a web-based toolkit to help communities develop [urban forest management plans](#)

Ever wonder how a tree moves water?

A YouTube video explains the physics of water movement in trees. While heavy on the science, it is explained well enough that most of us without a PhD in Physics can still follow it: [The Most Amazing Thing About Trees](#)

Understanding Tree Risk: A Webinar for Municipal Officials -- [DOWNLOAD](#)

Sponsored by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the Pacific NW Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, this webinar is for mayors, city council members, city managers, attorneys and community leaders who want to mitigate risk associated with public trees, understand city responsibilities, and more.

[Download the presentations here](#) (65 MB). Within the zip file are two PDF files--one for each presentation--and an accompanying audio (MP3) file for each. Questions and answers are

located near the end of the second audio file. Webinar hosts are Paul Ries, Oregon Community Forestry Coordinator, and Jerry Mason, attorney for the Association of Idaho Cities.

Does Your City Have New Tree Board Members?

Tree Board University is a FREE online learning experience open to everyone. It will help orient citizens to what it means to serve on a tree advisory committee so that they can "hit the ground running" as a new board member. Sign up at: www.treeboardu.org.

Integrating Vegetation into Sustainable Transportation Planning may Benefit Public Health

In recent years, the health of people living, working, or going to school near roads with high traffic volumes has been a rising national concern. Researchers, planners and policymakers met recently to discuss options for mitigating these health concerns. They agreed that vegetation barriers -- including trees -- can help. [Find the full article online.](#)

Trees are Good for Business

Research shows that people's reactions to trees can have positive effects on everything from the market value of homes to traffic safety. But did you know that trees also wield positive influences on central business districts? Dr. Kathy Wold tells us how the character and quality of a streetscape can affect the appeal of a business district and the buying behavior of visitors to the district. Hint: trees are part of the puzzle. [Learn more by visiting this webpage.](#)

Monumental Trees

Trees are remarkable in so many ways. Here is a website that celebrates trees that are big, tall, old, or in some way unique. From redwoods to baobabs, this site holds photos and details of truly [monumental trees](#).

April Calendar of Events and Opportunities

Check out the educational opportunities that will teach you more about trees, tree maintenance, and other urban and community forestry topics.

[Read more.](#)



Visit our [Don't Top Trees](#) website for more information.

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